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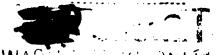
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Further to our No.112 of August 15th, the following rather more detailed information, dated mid-August, has been received from the same well-placed informant and from other sources as indicated.

According to unpublished press material:

- (i) The arms, ammunition, and explosives discovered on the estate belonging to the Mufti at Juitung, included 50,000 rounds ammunition; 1,000 rifles; 2,000 machine juns; 3,000 Italian bombs; 5,000 granades; 1,200 Italian mortar shells; and stocks of land mines and other explosives.
 - 2. /coording to Typtian public security officials:
- (i) Certain foreigners (including an unspecified number of Corman, Yugoslav and Albanian nationals who were engaged in manufacturing explosives) were expected at the same time as the arms and explosives were discovered.
- (ii) The Caire authorities found the situation most ombarrassing and avoided giving it publicity as far as possible. That the Mufti whilst a guest of Kin Parcuk should engage in these activities, was regarded with strong disapproval.
- (iii) A more denial that the explosives had anything to do with the Chiro bomb outrages was obviously inchemente. A statement was therefore published that the explosives were destined for Palestine, and the Mufti was hurriedly summened back for an interview with Nekrashi Pasha which took place on agust 11th.
- 3. According to a key official in the Arab League Press Bureau;
- (i) <u>lazer Peake</u> and his staff were well aware that the arms and explosives, although outwardly said to be destined for Pelestine, had been placed at the disposal of the Ikhwan el Muslimin and they were in fact used in the beam outrages against Jewish promises in Cairo.
- (ii) The Government had been proviously were of the existence of the lufti's arsenal, and it was zeem Pasha who suggested the explosives be sent out of Expt into Pelestine. Zeem personally interviewed the Director General of the Frontiers deministration after the search took place, and arranged for the arms and explosives to be sent in to Palestine.
- 4. According to a commissioned by Nchas Pasha to investigate into the Mufti's effairs:
- (i) Nohas Pasha strongly suspects that the Kufti's arsunal provided the explosives for the attempt on his house. The

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discovery of the erms has in any case turned the Wafd against the Mufti, to whom they had handed ever only recently manay subscribed by party-members for Palestine. They now realise that any subscriptions paid to the Mufti will only be diverted to finance his own activities and those of the Ikhwan ol Muslimin.

- 5. Locarding to an Agyptian journalist in close touch with political circles:
- (1) Generally this incident has weakened the kufti's position. Assem Pasha considers him a monaco to the Arab cause and a nuisance in Raypt.
- (ii) The Mufti was intending to leave Typt with his followers, including cortain German technical advisors, his intention being to build up an independent terrorist organisation based on Palestine.